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TAGS: ETRD, UNCTAD

SUBJECT: UNCTAD: THIRTEENTH BOARD ENDS

BEGIN SUMMARY: THIRTEENTH SESSION OF UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ENDED SUNDAY AT DAWN SURPASSING PREVIOUS SESSIONS FOR FRENZIED AND CHAOTIC ACTIVITY. DEAD-LOCKED FOR ALMOST THREE WEEKS OVER INTERNECINE DISPUTE BETWEEN AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN GROUPS OVER INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS ON COFFEE, BOARD TRIED DO IN TWO DAYS THAT WHICH NORMALLY TAKES SEVERAL WEEKS. GROUP B (DEVELOPED) COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY US EMERGED WITHOUT HAVING CONCEDE ON IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES NOTABLY MONETARY AND TRADE, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LACK OF DISCIPLINE

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INDICATED BY INDIVIDUAL DELS PUSHING PET PROPOSALS AND

INITIATING NEW PROPOSALS AFTER SCHEDULED END OF MEETING  
AND EVEN IN WEE HOURS OF MORNING IN FINAL PLENARY.  
END SUMMARY

1. THIRTEENTH SESSION OF UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ENDED AT DAWN SUNDAY AFTER FRENZIED AND CHAOTIC WEEKEND MEETINGS REMINISCENT OF CLOSE OF THIRD CONFERENCE AT SANTIAGO. AFRICAN GROUP (LED BY NIGERIA) USED CONFRONTATION POLITICS TO ACCOMPLISH ITS OBJECTIVE OF HAVING COFFEE INCLUDED IN INTENSIVE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS. BY MAKING CLEAR WILLINGNESS TO PARALYZE UNCTAD BY HOLDING UP ALL ACTION INCLUDING THE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS THEMSELVES, AFRICANS FORCED ASIAN GROUP TO AGREE TO VOTE ON COFFEE, IF NECESSARY, AGAINST OBJECTIONS OF LATINS AND VEHEMENT OPPOSITION OF LATIN COFFEE PRODUCING COUNTRIES (NOTABLY COLOMBIA). AS REPORTED GENEVA 4794, RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE.

2. HAVING SATISFIED GROUP HONOR BY SHOWING UNITY ON COFFEE, THOSE LATINS WHICH HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN COFFEE MOVED QUICKLY TO RECONSTITUTE SOLIDARITY OF GROUP OF 77 ON REMAINING ISSUES. BY TIME COFFEE ISSUE RESOLVED, HOWEVER, TIME WORKED AGAINST GROUP OF 77 AND IN FAVOR OF GROUP B (DEVELOPED) COUNTRIES ON OTHER ISSUES ON AGENDA. SURPRISINGLY, THIS POINT NOT FULLY APPRECIATED BY MANY LDCS, WHO, INSTEAD OF CONCENTRATING ON SMALL NUMBER OF RELATIVELY MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS, ATTEMPTED PUSH FOR AGREEMENT AND NEW CONCESSIONS IN ALL FIELDS. THUS, JAMAICA RESISTED CHANGES IN RESOLUTION ON ISLANDS; ETHIOPIA MADE FUTILE EFFORT REOPEN CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION OF SPECIAL COMMERCIAL POLICY ACTION FOR LEAST DEVELOPED; PERU AND ARGENTINA TRIED STAKE OUT NEW AREAS FOR UNCTAD WORK ON SEABEDS AND ENVIRONMENT RESPECTIVELY. URUGUAY EVEN TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION ON INFLATION DAY AFTER MEETING SCHEDULED TO END; INFLATION WAS NOT ON TDB AGENDA. SIMILAR SITUATION EXISTED IN SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS ON SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ITEMS. MUCH TIME LOST IN FUTILE EFFORT REFORMULATE ACTIONS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES WITH A VIEW TO SQUEEZING OUT FURTHER CONCESSIONS.

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3. BY-PRODUCT OF LDC EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING IN OVERTIME SESSIONS WAS MORE COMMON GROUP B POSITION THAN SUBSTANCE OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS ACTUALLY REFLECTED. WE WERE THUS ABLE TO COME OUT OF MEETING WITHOUT HAVING OPPOSE OR MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS ON KEY ISSUES. ON POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME ITEM ON INTERDEPENDENCE OF TRADE AND MONETARY ISSUES, RESULT WAS INANE PROCEDURAL CONCLUSION (DETAILS SEPTTEL). ON

TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, DRAFT LDC RESOLUTIONS TO ESTABLISH  
PERMANENT COMMITTEE (WITH CONTROVERSIAL TERMS OF REFERENCE)  
AND CALLING FOR COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON CODE OF CONDUCT BY  
EXPERT GROUP HAD TO BE ABANDONED IN FAVOR SINGLE, Milder  
RESOLUTION WHICH REFERS BOTH ISSUES TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP  
FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION (DETAILS SEPTTEL). ON REVIEW AND  
APPRAISAL, PHILIPPINES ABANDONED EFFORTS CHANGE DATE OF MID-TERM  
REVIEW IN FAVOR OF FACE-SAVING RESOLUTION WHICH MAINTAINS  
STATUS QUO. REQUEST FOR MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING TURNED INTO  
DECISION HOLD SPECIAL SESSION AT SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL  
COMMENSURATE WITH IMPORTANCE OF OCCASION. ON LEAST  
DEVELOPED, BOARD ADOPTED HORTATORY DECISION WHICH IN  
EFFECT CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE STRONGER EFFORTS TO  
HELP LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

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4. ONLY NEW DEPARTURE FROM TRADITIONAL WORK WAS RESO-  
LUTION ON ISLAND COUNTRIES, WHICH ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS  
(WITHOUT VOTE). JAMAICAN REP, HOWEVER, OVERPLAYED

HIS HAND IN INSISTING IN NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXT CLOSE TO THAT REPORTED GENEVA 4700. RESULT WAS FLOOD OF RESERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENTS BY GROUP B COUNTRIES (INCLUDING US) TO EFFECT NO NEW CATEGORY EQUIVALENT TO LEAST DEVELOPED BEING ESTABLISHED, LENDING CRITERIA OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS NOT PREJUDICED, AND DEFINITION OF ISLAND LDCS REMAINS OPEN. US DEL WAS ABLE OBTAIN AMENDMENTS REQUESTED PARA 1 STATE 175714.

5. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ACTION ON OTHER IMPORTANT BUT LESS CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS:

(1) CHARTER. SIMPLE PROCEDURAL DECISION ON EXTENSION OF MANDATE (WITH TWO MEETINGS OF THREE WEEKS EACH IN 1974) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADOPTED IN PLACE OF RESOLUTION (GENEVA 4572).

(2) AID TARGETS. AGREED RECONVENE IN 1974 GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON PRESENT AID AND FLOW TARGETS.

(3) SEABED, DISARMAMENT, ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC INFORMATION. BOARD ADOPTED NONCOMMITTAL DECISION TAKING NOTE OF REPORTS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DELEGATIONS.

(4) EXPORT CREDITS. ISSUE REFERRED TO TDB XIV FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION. SECRETARIAT TO DO BACKGROUND PAPER ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO ASSIST BOARD IN DISCUSSION AND IN REACHING APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS.

(5) COCOA MARKETING STUDY. SECRETARIAT TO REVISE STUDY FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT 8TH (SPECIAL) SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES IN 1975 WITH PROGRESS REPORT SUBMITTED IN INTERIM TO TDB XIV.

(6) EVOLUTION OF UNCTAD MACHINERY. DECISION REQUESTS SEC GEN TO CONSULT WITH GOVTS ON SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 2 RES 81(III) AND TO CONTINUE TO COLLATE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY GOVTS FOR HIS REPORT AND COMMENTS TO TDB XIV.

(7) INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER (ITC). CONTROVERSIAL SUGGESTIONS OF SECRETARIAT IN TD/B/L.333 REJECTED AND ALL ISSUES PUT OFF TO NEXT MEETING OF JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (JAG). STUDY ON EXPORT PROMOTION REQUESTED BY ECOSOC WILL BE DONE BY ITC FOR CONSIDERATION BY JAG AND LATER AT TDB XIV.

(8) 1974 CALENDAR. MAIN DECISIONS WERE TO CHANGE DATES OF COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES TO MAY 20-31 AND IGG ON TECHNOLOGY TO AUGUST 5-16 AND ADJUST DATE OF ITC JOINT ADVISORY GROUP TO JANUARY 16-18 AND ITS TECHNICAL

COMMITTEE TO JANUARY 7-11.BASSIN

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